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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached listing. To the best of undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents are attached.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

The following is a concise statement of relevance of the non-English language documents.

1. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2001-206205 is discussed beginning at page 1 of the specification.

2. Japanese Patent Publication No. 4-232154 is discussed beginning at page 2 of the specification.

3. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2002-517352 corresponds to WO99/64281 and an English Abstract of said document is attached.

Applicants also wish to draw the Examiner's attention to a related pending patent application, No. 10/839,137, filed May 6, 2004, assigned to the same assignee as the present case.

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